



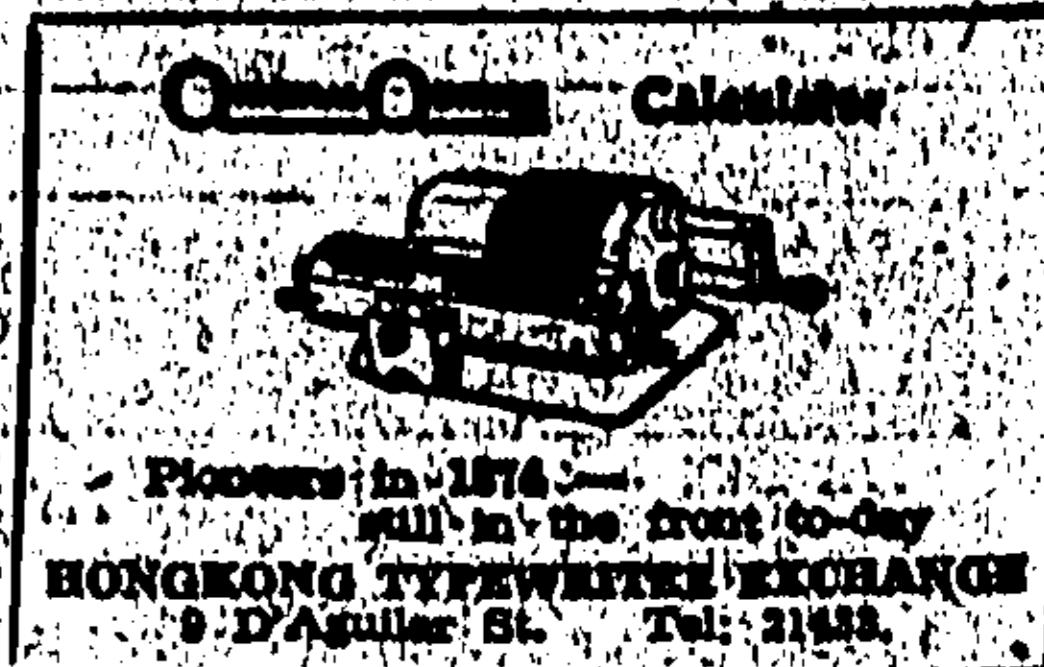
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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

**The Hon. R. B. Black**

THE appointment of the Hon. R. B. Black to the Governorship of Singapore is an occasion for expressing congratulations on his welcome preferment. At the same time, however, there will be genuine regret at his forthcoming departure from the Colony. For in slightly less than two years since he was appointed here, he has established a record of tireless effort for the welfare of the people and a diligent interest in all their many activities. He has also proved himself a popular and highly capable officer of the administration. Recently Mr Black was Officer Administering the Government while His Excellency, the Governor, was on leave. In this capacity he showed far more than a caretaker's interest in his duties. He made this appointment the opportunity for a thorough review of many of Hongkong's activities and acquainted himself with the work of a number of industrial undertakings which entailed frequent visits to different parts of the Colony. In fact, his itinerary was so crowded on some occasions that one began to wonder whether he had the power of ubiquity. And it will be recalled that his term of office was far from being uneventful and simply routine. For during this time there was the shooting down of the C.P.A. airliner, the disappearance and return of the Police launch, the water shortage, typhoons, three squatter fires and the Tram dispute. He handled all these problems ably and confidently. Mr Black is no stranger to the Malayan scene. He was there for several years before the last war and before coming to the Colony he served in a senior capacity in Trinidad and North Borneo. Both he and Mrs Black, who has distinguished herself as President of the British Red Cross Society here, will be missed in Hongkong. But Singapore should be pleased to hear of the British Government's choice of a successor to Sir John Niclson; for they will admire Mr Black as much for his conscientious approach to duty as for his affable manner and his easy informality.

## The Second Test

PETER May, Frank Tyson and the rain saved England in the second Test. It was a lucky escape from defeat for the tourists and they won by the skin of their teeth. Again Hutton's batsmen let him down. As one commentator said of the first innings display: "they showed a timidity which would have put a dormouse to shame." Again Hutton was guilty of some rather blatant errors as Captain. He does not seem to be able to seize the initiative when he sees it. He also still needs an opening partner. Bailey is not the man. He should stay lower down the list where he can help prop up the team. After the best batsmen have gone England's fielding showed a vast improvement but to beat the Australians in future they will have to field like them and that means doing even better than they did yesterday. Hutton had more success with his bowlers in this match and used them to better advantage on the changing surface of the pitch. The impression is growing that the England XI is essentially "wet-weather" rather than "fine weather" team. In other words, since the best conditions as the Australians, the Englishmen did better in the wet than in the sun. The sun shone and the tourists lost in Australia. They cannot match the superlative of their opponents. If the weather remains fine for the second test, Hutton will have a first innings of fine, aggressive, run and ball bowling to give his bowlers a chance of winning the match but not the series.

# BRITON KILLED IN MALAYA AMBUSH

## Desperate Bid To Escape Ends In Death

Singapore, Dec. 22.

Communist terrorists in ambush today shot down and killed a British planter and his Alsatian dog at a pineapple estate in Simpang Rengam, Southern Malaya.

The 27-year-old planter, R. D. Williamson, was manager of the South Malaya Pineapple Growers Estate, Johore.

Mr Williamson was shot dead less than half a mile from a gang of Chinese workers clearing undergrowth and less than a mile from his offices.

A former police lieutenant and security officer, he was unarmed and had no escort when about six terrorists ambushed him.

He left the estate office in a Land Rover at 8.30 a.m. Malayan time, to supervise the clearing of a new pineapple field where the road dipped down into a hollow. The terrorists opened fire from both sides of the road.

Mr Williamson was thrown out of the vehicle and it skidded into a ditch.

### RAN 300 YARDS

He ran 300 yards through high lolling grass up a hill. His Alsatian dog followed at his heels.

As they neared the safety of a clump of trees both man and dog were shot dead.

When a second Alsatian ran back to the estate office it was realized that something was wrong.

Troops and police started a follow-up operation within minutes.

Buried in the road near the Land Rover was a mine which failed to explode.

### FOURTH ATTACK

Late tonight there was still no trace of the terrorists. It is the fourth time that Mr. Williamson has been attacked.

In 1951, he was awarded the Colonial Police Medal for gallantry after a clash with terrorists.

In 1952 he was ambushed and wounded while working as a security officer on an estate.

Three months ago he was fired on while driving along a road.

— Reuter.

## 12 Ships In Distress In Atlantic Gales

London, Dec. 22. "Winter blew a tragic prelude to Christmas today with hurricane winds that raged over the Atlantic and most of Europe, disabling more than a dozen ships and killing or injuring scores of people.

At least six were known dead and there were fears for the safety of the crew of 19 of the Belgian ship Henri de Weert, reported sinking of the Dutch coast early this morning.

Many others were treated in countries all over the Continent for injuries attributed to the wild gales.

### STRONGEST FOR 2 YEARS

These were the highest winds and the roughest seas since the mighty storms which breached Dutch and Belgian dykes two years ago and the turbulent waters of the North Atlantic were driven into Britain, Belgium, Holland, Ireland and Germany.

From all over Europe came reports of storm casualties, of freak accidents, of SOS messages from ships buffeted by giant waves.

Weather experts said if the storm had come three weeks later it would have achieved what they called "a fatal coincidence" with the spring tides and caused unfold disaster.

### ANXIOUS VIGIL

Holland, which lost 1,800 dead in the floods of January 1953 when winds and tide coincided, maintained an anxious vigil by land and air over its sea defenses today, but early tonight its sentinels reported the battle won, with only minor breaches in dykes in the Friesian districts of Texel and Ameland.

Some of the inhabitants of Texel were evacuated but will return tomorrow. Meanwhile, the island of Goeree-Overflakkee in South Holland, one of the worst hit in 1953, reported that water was seeping through its dykes but that sandbags were sealing off the weak spots.

— United Press.

### Channel Steamer Is Safe

Calais, Dec. 22. Two powerful tug brought the small disabled French steamer Cote d'Azur safely into harbour today with 31 sick passengers, still weary from two stormy days on the English Channel.

The steamer rammed a jetty while trying to enter Calais harbour yesterday, ripped a hole in its side, disabled its propellers and ran aground.

The 21 American, eight British and two Italian passengers were in no danger of losing their lives even though the ship had been listing to the port.

After being towed to safety the Cote d'Azur was taken to a dry dock where she was repaired.

— France-Press.

## Smuggling Bid Fails In P.I.

Mahila, Dec. 23. Customs authorities yesterday foiled another attempt to smuggle Swiss watches from Hongkong in wooden boxes marked as containing biscuits and candies following a re-inspection of the consignment.

The shipment from Hongkong was found to contain 223 Swiss watches, worth an estimated US\$3,500.

The watches were cleverly hidden among the biscuits and candies and were covered with paper.

— France-Press.

### House Adjourns

London, Dec. 22. The British House of Commons went into recess for Christmas today.

They will re-convene on Jan. 25. — France-Press.

— Reuter.

## RED CHINA BEING TAKEN FOR A RIDE—BY HER ALLIES!

From Our Own Correspondent

Communist China is being taken for a commercial ride by its East European allies — and the Chinese are beginning to realize it.

Mr H. J. Collar, Secretary of the China Association helped put them in the picture on his recent visit to Peking and he said tonight: "they obviously know how they are suffering."

This is how it works: European Communists get Chinese exports—hops, timber, soybeans, etc. in exchange for material the Chinese need for their industrial revolution.

### GOT A BROOK

But the Chinese are favourable to European buyers that they can send them well below world market prices.

Other countries took when some of the Communists told them they had no market, any Chinese bought because they could not find them elsewhere.

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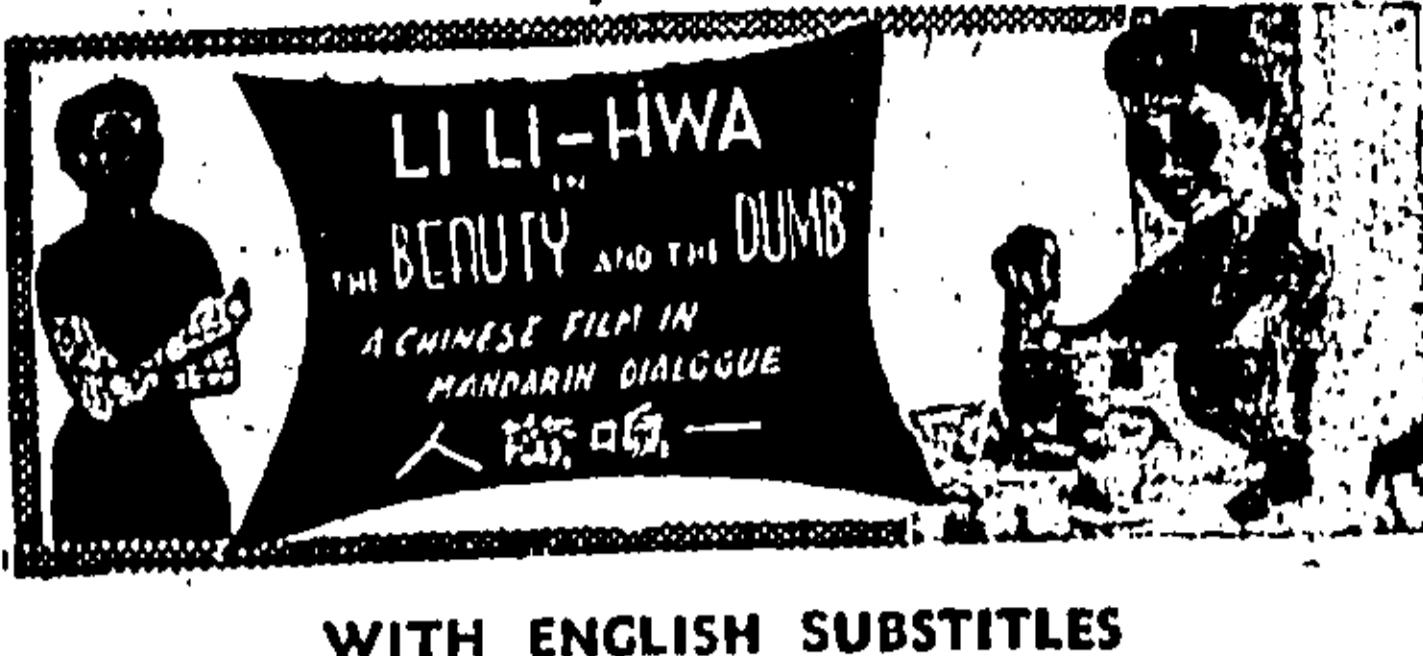
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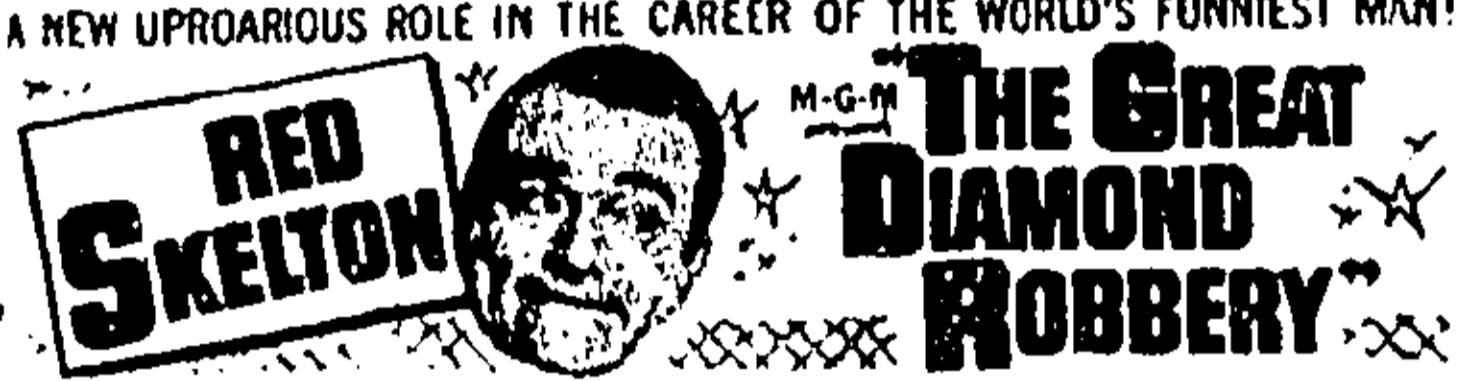
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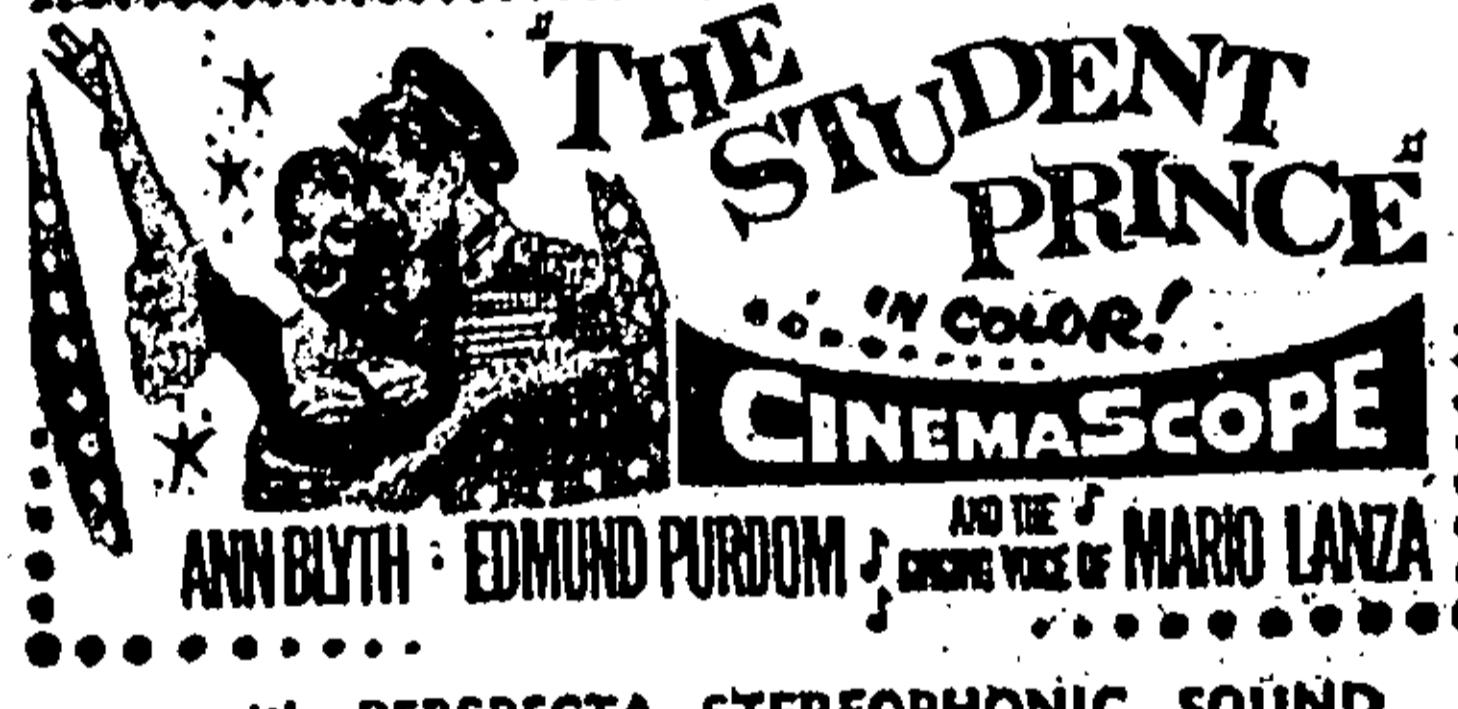
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## CHRISTMAS IN KOREA

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Big  
Celebration

## UNITS WITHDRAWING

With the British Commonwealth Division in Korea,

Dec. 23.

Men of the British Commonwealth Division in Korea, stationed among snow-capped hills near the Korean demarcation line, are preparing to make this Christmas the most celebrated holiday in the Division's history.

Even nature appeared ready to give a hand. Mountains and hills overlooking the British units are already covered with snow and it was expected that further snowfalls would make it a "White Christmas".

For many of the British troops it will be their last "White Christmas" for some time. Many of them are moving to Kenya shortly.

For officers and men of the Australian, British, Canadian and New Zealand units serving with the Division this will be a "peaceful" Christmas, the first such Christmas the Division has celebrated in Korea.

## NEW LINE

Last year Commonwealth troops were busy constructing new defence lines and taking part in manoeuvres and guarding an uneasy truce line.

This Christmas there will be no frozen trenches to return to after the day's celebrations as there were last year.

This year three British infantry battalions are celebrating Christmas in Korea—the First Battalion Dorset Regiment, the First Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment and the First Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers.

The Northamptonshire Regiment and the Royal Irish Fusiliers will be moving to Hongkong and Kenya in January.

This Christmas is also the last the Commonwealth Division will celebrate in Korea as a division.

Next year the Division's strength will be down to a brigade with three infantry regiments, the First Battalion Dorset Regiment, the First Battalion Royal Australian Regiment and the Second Queen's Own Rifles of Canada.

This Christmas there will be more food, drinks and entertainment available in the Division than at any previous time.

## SHOWS

The 61st Light Regiment, Royal Artillery, is presenting "Cinderella" with an all-soldier cast. The British Field Hospital and the

Ministers would only repeat: "I am very worried — it's clear the Sudanese will govern the Sudan, but who will govern?"

Major Salem also spoke gloomily of the situation in Syria. He said it would seem the governmental machinery had begun to disintegrate there.

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# GERM WARFARE

## Weapon Would Not Be Denied To U.S. Troops

### Parrot & Budgie Friends

Port Elizabeth, Dec. 22. "Sweetie", a whisky-drinking budgie, and "Joey" a talking parrot, make life full of fun for Mr and Mrs. R. Jopson, of Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth.

The two birds are inextricable, despite the great difference in size. Whenever they are left together they either sit "talking" or scratch each other.

Sweetie often joins Mr and Mrs Jopson for a "spot". She drinks both whisky and beer.

Joey, who is two years old, mimics practically everything she hears—"she even calls the children and the servants," said Mrs Jopson with a laugh.

Both birds feed at the Jopson's table at mealtimes. —China Mail Special.

### Petition To Put Doctor In Asylum

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 22.

Dr Charles A. Laughead's sister petitioned the Ingham County Probate Court today to commit the former Michigan State College doctor and his wife, Lillian, to a mental hospital.

Margaret Laughead of Des Moines, Iowa, described her brother as a "religious fanatic" and said his wife "neglects her household duties and her family because of her constant religious studying."

Dr Laughead, 44, recently was dismissed by Michigan State College officials, who said his end-of-the-world predictions were "disturbing students." He had predicted a tidal wave would engulf Chicago on Tuesday in the start of a series of events that would bring about the end of the world.

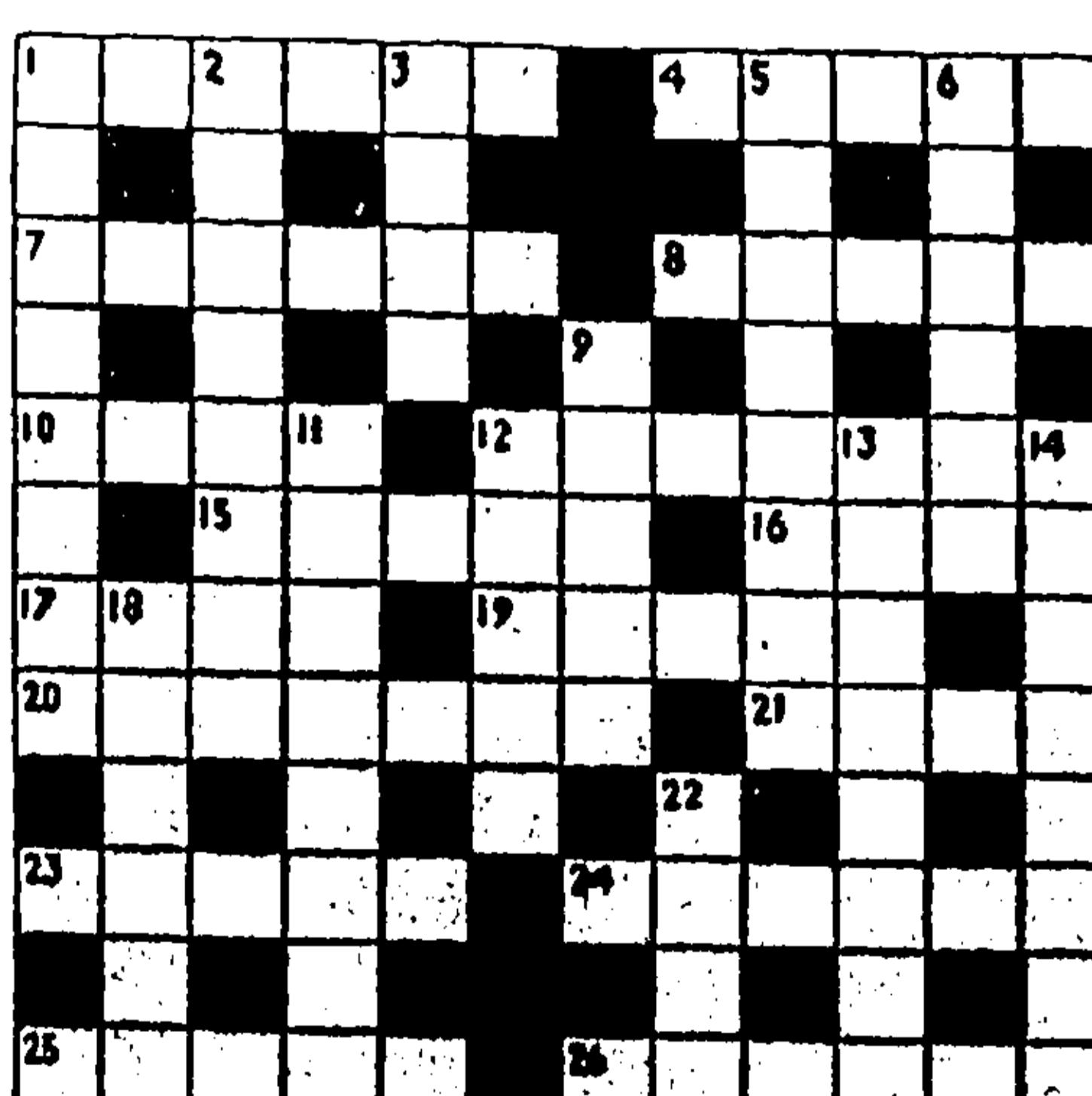
### GUARDIAN

His sister also petitioned the Probate Judge, John McClellan, to appoint a guardian for Dr Laughead's three children, Charlyn, 18, Charles, 17, and Marilyn, 9.

The petition stated: "During the past few years my brother has become a religious fanatic. This is now having its effect on his family. He believes that he is to create a new age and that the standing world will be submerged."

Dr Laughead, who was still in Chicago at the home of his "communicator" with outer space, refused to comment on his sister's action. —United Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



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### Drought Threat To Quake Town

Eureka, Dec. 22.

Eureka, the Californian town which was shaken yesterday was today threatened with drought when it was discovered that the reservoir, damaged by the earthquake had lost half of its 80,000,000-gallon capacity.

One person was killed in yesterday's calamity and 80 were injured. Total damage has been estimated at more than \$10,000,000. —China Mail.

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Mountbatten Says Good-bye



Admiral Earl Mountbatten, Allied Commander-in-Chief in Malaya, says good-bye to the new Governor, Sir Robert Laycock, when he left the Island on his way home to take up his post as First Sea Lord. —Central Press Photo.

### CRAZED SUITOR RELEASES CAPTIVE

Wake Forest, N.C., Dec. 22.

A crazed suitor, who held the woman who spurned him captive at gunpoint for 24 hours in a cotton mill, released her and surrendered today after his victim persuaded him he needed medical care.

Gaunt, unshaven Graham Timberlake, 31, was taken away to a mental institution as the authorities fulfilled a bargain that he would not be put in gaol.

His tiny brunet sweetheart, Jessie Elizabeth Davis, 29, was released by Timberlake unharmed. A doctor reported that she still "seemed fond" of her former suitor despite the ordeal to which he had put her in the cotton mill while the machinery still spun busily, turning out cotton yarn.

Miss Davis was a factor in persuading Timberlake to give up and accept medical treatment, Dr C. T. Wilkinson said.

Tonight Miss Davis' sister, Petronia, said that the shaken woman was "resting and does not wish to discuss her experience". —United Press.

### TITO SEEKING SOCIALIST PEACE BLOC

Rangoon, Dec. 22.

Informed sources here today believe that one of the main reasons for the visit of the Yugoslav President, Marshal Josip Tito, to India and Burma is to sound out these two "neutralist" Asian nations on the possibility of forming a Socialist peace bloc between the East and the West.

The sources pointed out, however, that no preliminary overtures have been made by the Yugoslav leader and that there are no indications that the talks at this time would go beyond the exploratory stage.

Presumably, the sources added, if India and Burma felt friendly to the idea, they, in turn, would broach it to other Asian members of the Colombo Powers, notably Ceylon and Indonesia, at the Prime Ministers' conference in Djakarta later this month.

Mentioned as another possible member of the Socialist bloc was Israel, a nation which has of late established close friendly ties with Burma.

#### WILL LISTEN

Initial reaction to the idea among Burmese leaders was a willingness to listen but, at the same time, an attitude of caution.

Unofficial reaction from American sources was that it might be a good idea since it would align India and Burma, in the past reluctant to make any deals, with Yugoslavia which is part of the Western alliance.

Yugoslavia's link with the United States and the NATO Powers may cause India and Burma to shy away from any formal alliance with the Communist State but Marshal Tito's visit was still expected to draw these nations closer together in future international relations.

In Bombay on Wednesday, Marshal Tito told the Indian Parliament that India and Yugoslavia held identical views on many problems and would unite their efforts for promoting co-operation among nations.

He told India that his nation agreed that co-existence was the sole guarantee for world peace.

#### BASIC REASONS

The basic reasons which give rise to speculation in Rangoon about such an alliance is that all of the nations are roughly, in one form or another, cast in the Socialist mould.

Why Marshal Tito, leader of a middle European nation, should seek so far afield for allies seems somewhat puzzling. But the observers here point out that the Socialist nature of them all plus the fact that India and Burma are the only remaining uncommitted major nations in the eastern half of the world.

#### ANOTHER LINE

Another line of speculation heard here prior to Marshal Tito's visit was that he is seeking a rapprochement with Communist China through India and Burma, who have diplomatic relations with Red China.

The Yugoslav leader was due to arrive here on January 4, Independence Day. —United Press.

### PRINCESS' TOUR

London, Dec. 22.

Princess Margaret will leave London on January 31 on an official visit to the British West Indies. Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Minister, announced in the House of Commons today.

The Princess will arrive in Trinidad on February 1. She will leave the Bahamas on March 2 and return to London on March 3.

Mr Lennox-Boyd also added that the Princess would visit as many islands as possible during her five-week tour. —France-Press.

### Minimum German Defence Expenditure

Bonn, Dec. 22.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, said today his Government would keep to a minimum defence expenditure envisaged in the Paris treaties.

"In no case will defence outlay affect social security and the general standard of living," he said in a preface to the Government's end-of-the-year reports.

He described 1954 as a year which had "further consolidated democracy in Germany." —Reuter.

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## GARDNER AND WILLIAMS PEEVE PROMOTERS OVER BOUT NO. 3

By GEORGE WHITING

So poverty stricken, and so bare of rising talent is the British heavyweight class that we are all bidden to become excited at the prospect of two former Champions, Jack Gardner and Johnny Williams, meeting for the third time early in the New Year.

Object of the exercise, of course, is a title match for the winner with Don Cockell—though nobody has the slightest idea about when, where, or for how much.

Meanwhile, rival promoters from Leicester and Nottingham are wavering contracts at Gardner and Williams—but not, as yet, getting any signatures.

Promoter Joe Jacobs, from Leicester, had a distinctly peevish appearance after unsuccessful visits to the dressing rooms at Manchester, where Gardner and Williams were on view in "alleged" warming-up fights against Lucien Touzard and Francis Coquerel ranked first and second in the French heavyweight hierarchy, which must be

in an even more parlous condition than our own.

REILED  
M. Coquerel, conceding a stone, wobbled at the first body punch from Williams, took five counts on his knees, and looked remarkably relieved when the referee intervened on his behalf in round four.

Touzard (13st. 11lb.) was made of sterner metal. He began by slapping Gardner (15st. 6lb.) rather in the manner of a small boy hitting back at his big brother.

Not did he falter when Gardner's right hand opened a two-inch gash over his left eye to be embellished later by a smaller cut immediately above.

Gardner, obviously short of practice, also suffered two small cuts on his left brow. Gardner's bigger guns, notwithstanding, bore promise of settling down to some kind of mastery, but, after three rounds, the referee decided that Touzard's eye was in no condition to withstand further punishment. Two stitches helped to improve its appearance.

THOMAS RETIRES

Edie Thomas, one-time Welterweight Champion and reputedly seeking a comeback as a middleweight, lost on points to Ron Duncombe (Jersey), and

afterwards told me he had decided to retire from the ring.

Thomas, an affluent collier and man of property in South Wales, has done well out of boxing, and has sense enough to recognise danger signals when younger middleweights start clipping his ears.

Frank Johnson, former holder of the lightweight title, reappeared on the scene in the near-Championship scene with a sound and polished win on points over the extremely belligerent John Buttsworth, Johnson's boxing occasionally bordered on brilliance, and Joe Lucy, our present champion, will have need of all his southpaw ringcraft if ever it comes to an argument.

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### ARMY TEAM TO MEET HKCC

The following team has been chosen to represent the Army against Hong Kong Cricket Club at Chater Road on Monday, Dec. 27, commencing 11 a.m.

Maj. Chubb, Maj. Howard-Dobson, Lt. Wilshaw, 2/Lt. Medd, 2/Lt. Couthree, 2/Lt. Lincombe, 2/Lt. Neville, 2/Lt. St. Johnstone, Gun H.H. Cpl. Nash, Pte. Clark, 12th Man, 2/Lt. Simmon, 72 LAA Regt. RA Scorer, Mrs. Chubb.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SIXTH RACE MEETING

Monday 27th December 1956 & Saturday 1st January 1957  
(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 12 o'clock NOON and the First Race run at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The Fifth Interval is after the Third Race (1.30 p.m.) on both days.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.30 a.m. on both days.

### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

### SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

### CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets \$18.00 each per day and \$30.00 for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices during normal office hours until 10.30 a.m. on the first day.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 4,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 4,000.

In the case of two-day Race Meetings, Through Tickets may be purchased for each day of the Meeting provided that the second day is on a date not less than five days after the first day. In all other cases Through Tickets will only be sold for the whole Meeting.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 24th December, 1956, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 4,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from subscription lists without stating reasons for their action.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 6, D'Aguilar Street and 382, Nathan Road during normal office hours and until 10.30 a.m. on both days of the Meeting.

### SPECIAL CASH SWEEP

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to run on 22nd January, 1957, at \$2.00 each, may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices.

### TOTALISATOR

Bookers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOR LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

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## JOE LOUIS BLAMES

### Greedy Managers And Lazy Fighters

Miami, Dec. 22. Joe Louis blames boxing commissions, greedy managers and lazy fighters for the shortcomings of the fight game.

### Army Soccer League Standings

The following are the Major & Minor Units League standings:

(Including matches played December 1956)

	Major Units	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1 Kings Own	9	2	0	3	12	7	11	7
2 Kings	9	2	0	1	9	4	10	6
20 Fd Regt RA	9	1	0	2	12	10	10	5
1 N. Staffs	3	1	1	1	7	10	11	4
2 N. Regt RA	3	1	1	0	9	12	8	4
1 Excr	2	0	1	1	9	8	1	3
22 Fd Regt RA	9	0	4	1	8	10	10	2
(2/1 Gurkha replaces 2/1 Gordonians)	9	0	4	1	8	10	10	2
Minor Units								
Zone 1 (Hongkong)								
127 HAA Bty	5	4	0	1	24	2	27	1
HK Sig Bty	4	3	0	1	17	10	11	1
HMIC Bty	4	3	0	1	17	10	11	1
Dist W/Shops	3	2	0	2	12	8	8	1
21 HAA	5	3	0	2	15	10	12	1
2 J.H. Car Pl	5	3	0	2	15	10	12	1
64 Coy RASC	5	3	0	2	15	10	12	1
HQ Regt 21 HAA	5	3	0	2	15	10	12	1
Zone 2 (Kowloon)								
46 Fd Pk Sqn	5	4	0	1	15	7	10	1
8 Coy RASC	4	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
5 Supply Depot	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
W/Shop	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
"Q" Mov & 40	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
HQ 24 Fd Engt	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
22 Dist Sqn RD	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
Zone 3 (Kowloon)								
200 LAA Bty	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
210 LAA Bty	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
5 C.O.D.	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
21 LOC Bty	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
HK & KM Grm	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
Kin Sig	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
R.M.C. Zone 3 (N.T.)	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
3 A.O.T. Zone 4 (N.T.)	5	2	2	0	12	7	7	1
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## NOTICE

# MUSICAL USED STATE SECRETS

Alexandria Va., Dec. 22. Joseph S. Petersen, a former employee of the National Security Agency, pleaded guilty today to using Government secrets "in a manner prejudicial to the safety and interest" of the United States.

Petersen withdrew a previous plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty to the second of three charges.

District Judge Alvert V. Ryan, who received the new plea, deferred sentence.

The charge carried a possible prison sentence of up to ten years. Petersen, 40, said through his counsel he had changed his plea for the best interests of the country.

"Petersen was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation last October 9 and charged with improperly taking classified information, with 'reason to believe' it was being used by a foreign power.

The United States subsequently identified the Netherlands as the Government with which Petersen "exchanged" information.

Dutch officials said their relations with Petersen went back to the second world war and that they had no reason to suspect that his activities were not authorized.

After Petersen's indictment on October 20 the United States Government said that information about operations in Korea in 1951 was part of the data alleged to have been misused by Petersen. — Reuter.

The request for the chicks, which will be selected from white Leghorn, Rhode Island Red, Black Minorca and Light Sussex breeds, came under the terms of the technical co-operation section of the Colombo Plan. — France-Press.

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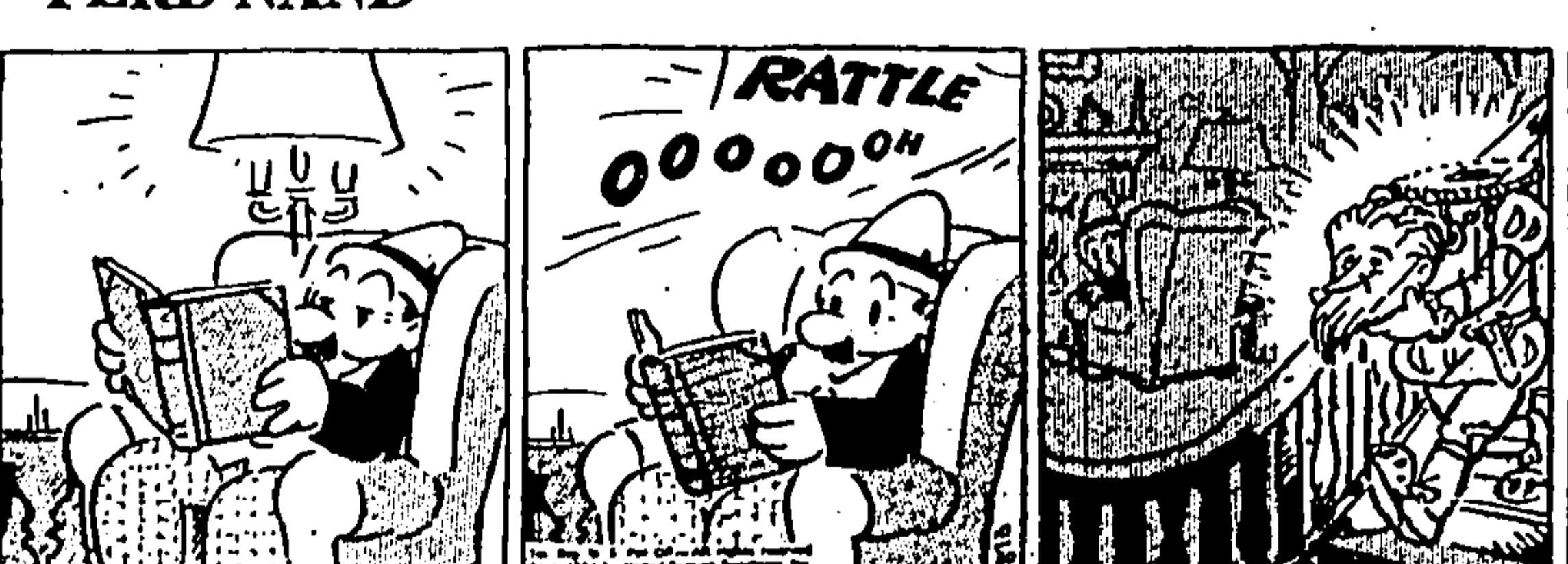
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## More Teacher

## Colleges

## In China

London, Dec. 22. Communist China has established six new teachers' colleges this year, according to the Ministry of Education, the New China News Agency reported today.

In a Peking dispatch the agency said this is part of the Ministry's plan to train more teachers for the increasing number of middle and technical schools.

The Ministry disclosed that 28,000 students were admitted in China's teachers' colleges during this half-year term. This was an increase of 36 percent compared with last year and ranks second only to the total enrolment in engineering departments.

The Ministry said that 83,000 future middle school teachers were being trained throughout China. This was 2½ times the peak pre-liberation figure of 1947. — China Mail Special.

## IN ARMCHAIR

By early afternoon, the Pope was in the Vatican Gardens for a short stroll—the fourth day he has left his sick-room high in the Vatican Palace.

Tonight, he was reported resting in the great armchair to the right of his plain, mahogany bed.

There were fears, however, that the strength-sapping hiccoughs which have plagued him for 11 months might return as they did last night.

Vatican sources said that Professor Ricardo Galenzzi-Lisi, the Pope's physician, prescribed a new treatment of modified exercise last night when the hiccoughs returned.

The physician, using a mild form of artificial respiration, gently raised and lowered the ailing Pontiff's arms to expand and contract the patient's chest.

The treatment apparently had satisfactory results as the hiccoughs disappeared after a brief period.

The hiccoughs are apparently the result of a hernia at the mouth of the Pontiff's esophagus or food tube—at the point where it enters the stomach.

## NO OPERATION

Because of his advanced age and present weak condition, the Pope's doctors have ruled out an operation to cure this hernia.

Instead, they are concentrating on the accompanying ailment of gastritis. — United Press.

## EXPLOSION IN CASABLANCA

Casablanca, Dec. 23.

One person was believed to be killed and several others wounded when a bomb exploded in the centre of the European quarter of Casablanca.

It was later reported that six people were seriously wounded by the exploding bomb tonight and were taken to hospital for treatment. — France-Press.

## ELEPHANT TRAGEDY

Moscow, Dec. 22.

A story of elephant mother love ended tragically in a Moscow zoo today.

A young member of one of the zoo's elephant families was taken from his parents to have a thorn extracted from his foot.

His mother, hearing "squeals of pain, lumbered to his aid and got her head stuck between the bars of the cage. Keepers sawed through the bars to release her but she died soon after.

Now the youngster is refusing his food and the widower is standing guard before the cage trumpton grief. — France-Press.

## Whistled Policeman's Wife

Wellington, Dec. 22.

An imitation of the mating call of a wolf landed a young Upper Hutt man in the magistrate's court to face a charge of disorderly behaviour.

Unfortunately for him, the young woman whom he singled out for his interest was the wife of a police constable.

Evidence was given that the man drove alongside the woman and made "chuckling" sounds at her. On a second occasion he followed her and emitted "wolf" calls and whistled at her. This time, however, her policeman husband was at hand. — China Mail Special.

## Coal Campaign

London, Dec. 22.

Coal miners at the Manzhouli coal mines in the Peiping area have launched a campaign to produce 600,000 tons of coal above their 1954 target, before the New Year, the New China News Agency reported today.

The coal miners completed this year's production quota of December 11, the agency said.

The Manzhouli coal mines are the only ones in the Manzhouli area to have exceeded their 1954 production quota.

# Pope Taking Exercise

Vatican City, Dec. 22. Pope Pius XII has taken to gentle exercise to relieve persistent attacks of hiccoughs that are disturbing his sleep, Vatican sources reported to-night.

## Lhasa Road Link With China

London, Dec. 22.

Lhasa, capital of Tibet, is now linked with the whole communications network of Communist China. The second of two long motor highways was completed today, the New China News Agency reported.

The road which was completed today runs from Lhasa northeast to Shining, capital of Chinghai Province, and the other east to Yenan, capital of Szechuan Province. These two cities are one day's journey from Lanchow and Chengtu, major rail and road centres, the agency said.

Preparations were now underway for the formal opening of both roads, the agency said. The total length of both roads is 4,304 kilometres.

**TIME CUT** "The journey from Peking or Shanghai to Lhasa by these roads has been cut to less than 20 days, compared with three months needed by the old caravans routes," the agency stated.

The road completed today, more than 2,100 kilometres long, was built in record time since June this year, the agency stated. This road winds by the famous salt lake of Koko Nor, China's biggest inland lake.

The eastern road, which was opened a few days ago, took 4½ years to finish. This road crosses 14 great mountains and many difficult rivers, including the Kinas (the upper Yangtze), Lantsang (Mekong) and Lu (Salween), the agency said.

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## Press Trust Strike Off

New Delhi, Dec. 22.

More than 900 employees of India's national news agency, the Press Trust of India, tonight postponed a 24-hour token strike for higher pay and better working conditions which was due to begin tomorrow morning.

A statement by the President of the Employees Union, Mr. M. V. Donda, said it had been deferred in view of a letter from the management saying they were willing to discuss immediately any matter with an open mind. — Reuter.

## DAIRY BOX MILK CHOCOLATES

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# Xmas Over The World

Today North and South America and Australasia

Christmas 1954 marks the most ambitious attempt at performing "Operation Santa Claus" in the Canadian Arctic which has ever been undertaken by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

North Star aircraft from Dorval, Quebec, are dropping on parachutes, 11,000 pounds of Christmas mail in the far North, including letters, parcels, fruit and general cargo. They are destined for 10 different Northern detachments, lonely Arctic weather stations and other outposts.

Air Transport Command is particularly proud of its "Green Christmas" package to be included with each consignment parachuted to Northern outposts. This consists of a tightly bound Christmas tree of spruce, complete with non-breakable Christmas decorations.

The staff of Air Transport Command got together to provide the Yuletide touch of home for the isolated weather men, Mounties and other Government personnel stationed in the North.

Operation Santa Claus is split into two sections. The Eastern Arctic flight is serviced from Frobisher Bay, on Baffin Island. The Central flight takes off from Resolute Bay, on Cornwall Island.

To enable air crews to penetrate the total darkness of the Arctic winter, Santa Claus flights have been fixed to coincide with the full moon.

Lights are tied to the bundles dropped from the aircraft so that those on the ground for whom they are intended can follow the baskets as they leave the aircraft.

Anxious eyes follow the descent of the parachutes since, if they are not aimed with pinpoint accuracy, they may fall into heavy snowdrifts and be lost for ever.

After the Santa Claus pilots have solved the tricky problem of locating tiny, isolated settlements in the huge expanse of Arctic waste, they descend to 500 feet before releasing their bundles.

Further south, in more temperate areas, Canadians will celebrate Christmas in many different languages in the religious services of many different Christian denominations.

Towards Christmas, streets in shopping areas of the Southern cities and towns are gaily decorated, department stores each provide their own Santa Claus, huge Christmas trees are erected in prominent places. There is constant warfare between those who would commercialise Christmas and those who insist that it is a religious festival in which the Christ Child should have priority over Santa Claus and his reindeer.

In the countryside of French Canada, there are certain differences which persist more strongly than in the cities which have come under English influence.

There, Christmas is a matter of sleigh rides in cutters (benlines) to Midnight Mass, followed by family gatherings. The children, however, find their presents placed at the foot of the Christmas tree by "Pere Noel" on New Year's morning, not on Christmas day.

Throughout the country generally, Canadians hold a family service either at mid-day or in the evening, after attending a religious service in the morning.

In the cities, people place wreaths and other Christmas decorations in their front windows, and leave the blinds up so that the note of cheer may reach the outside world. Often those with "picture windows" will arrange a Christmas tree display visible from the street.

In Canada's far North, Christmas is celebrated round the radio, with messages relayed from home by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Her Majesty's own voice brought into even the loneliest outposts.

## United States

Christmas once again finds the United States cheerful and prosperous, abounding in the good things of life, and lighter-hearted than in the last few years because there is no "shooting war" in the world.

True, many menfolk are in "Uncle Sam's" uniforms in many parts of the world. But this year they are merely "garrison troops" supplied with as many comforts and as much good food as the folks back home are having.

The thought that loved ones abroad are in their country, and that the American Government is doing its best to keep the menfolk safe, has a minimum and



ANCIENT SHECHEM, where Christ conversed with the Woman of Samaria at Jacob's Well, is now known as Nablous. Jacob lived here for years, and here it was that Joshua commanded the Israelite elders for their service to the Lord. Most of its 28,000 people are Moslems and there is marked antipathy to Europeans. The city and its environs are noted for their rare beauty. Nablous is on several important trade routes, and is important in soap, wool and cotton trade.

homes throughout the United States this Christmas.

For the first time for many years, there is a hope here that real peace may be "just round the corner."

Added to this surging, spiritual inspiration is a material disposition to "count the blessings" of another prosperous year.

A year ago, a fear was growing at many a householder's mind that the United States might be on the threshold of an economic depression.

But now with business swelling upwards since the mid-year, the shops are having their biggest and best Christmas ever.

All the big cities report record business and it is evident that the whole country is on a buying spree.

It seems that what the people are not spending on gifts and abundant food, they are spending on travel. Railway, shipping and airlines all report record bookings.

## Brazil

Stores in Rio started their Christmas decorations almost at the last minute in spite of the fact that some newspapers as well as the city government offered substantial cash prizes to those with the best show windows.

Inflation and stringent import controls have changed the picture of Christmas in Brazil almost beyond recognition this year.

their manufacture here has proved a rewarding business. The result is that in addition to plastic and mechanical toys, shops are now full of Argentine-made refrigerators, washing machines, mixers and record-players.

Those who are in regular employment will find little difficulty in meeting the extra expenses, because every worker here gets a bonus equal to one month's wages in Christmas week.

As Christmas in this part of the world coincides with mid-summer, many families travel to the sea or to the mountains.

In Mar del Plata, in addition to the sea, they have open air night clubs and the Casino where millions of pesos change hands every day at the roulette tables.

For everyone the spiritual joy of Christmas is coupled with worldly hope. The biggest draw of the State Lottery takes place three days before Christmas and the amount of money prizes to be shared by the lucky ones will reach almost 40,000,000 pesos (well over £900,000 at official rates). Few Argentinians abstain from betting and everyone dreams that he will be one of the lucky few who become rich overnight.

Christmas in Chile is usually marked by a summer heat wave which imparts to its celebrations a very different atmosphere from the Christmas of northern lands, with its Christmas tree loaded with decorations glittering in the firelight.

Because of the heat, Christmas is usually celebrated out of doors here, in much the same way as any summer Sunday.

But the days preceding the Christmas and New Year holidays are filled with preparations. In Santiago, streets are crowded with pedestrians hunting for gifts which are "good, pretty and cheap"—a well nigh impossible task in the present inflation which has sent the price of anything which is pretty or of good quality upwards.

To most people in this country, Christmas is synonymous with picnicking, tramping and holiday making at the beach.

"Where are you going for Christmas?" is the predominant question in conversation for weeks before the event. The answer, in most cases, is "the beach."—China Mail Special.

For the whole of the period, all the streets in the business areas of the city are profusely illuminated with rows of multi-coloured electric lights. No traffic is allowed in the centre after sunset, and the streets become tunnels of light in which pedestrians move about excitedly, coming and going between the toy-sellers' booths in their search for gifts.

The Day of the Magi, the Epiphany or Twelfth Night, which two generations ago was the day of the main Brazilian celebration of the Nativity is fast giving way to the Americanised Santa Claus, hero called "Papai Noel" after the French "Pere Noel." Only in January 6 still the Brazilian Christmas. In the cities, it is simply a religious Holy Day, duly observed by attendance at Mass.

Usually, too, a number of men dressed up as Santa Claus, in the traditional red robe, long white beard and fur-trimmed felt cap, walk through the streets, selling toys and spending profusely in the summer heat.

Few children in Chile today believe for long in the Santa Claus who comes, travelling over the rooftops in a richly-drawn sled, loaded with toys. Their older brothers and sisters see to that. But they like to see him round the streets and eagerly looked forward to the toys which they will find stashed in the shoes they leave on the window-sill on Christmas Eve for him to fill.

As in other years, a Ladies' Committee, headed by the wife of the President of the Republic, has been collecting funds with which to buy toys to distribute to poor children.

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## OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

## 10 O'CLOCK CLOSING BEGINS ON FEB. 1

From H. King Wood

Sydney.

The shouting of the liquor hours has now died down, and as from February 1 hotels will remain open until 10 p.m. The Government—somewhat wisely, it must be admitted—decided on that date to give publicans a chance to organise and police time to prepare for the new conditions.

And the most unhappy people about it all, not unnaturally, are the publicans and hotel employees. The boss sees himself tied down for six nights a week, while the employees see shift and night work.

The police aren't particularly happy about it either, for here, too, extra men will have to work at night.

The one weakness seen in the Government's new bill is the decision that hotels must shut between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. People are frightened that this is going to lengthen our famous "six o'clock swill" to 6.30 and so defeat the very object of the later closing.

In any case, it is going to be interesting to watch how it all works out in February. Most people's guess is that once the novelty wears off the pubs will be struggling to make ends meet at night.

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The Lord Mayor of Sydney must now get a place in the top salary bracket of this country. This week the City Council voted young Alderman Pat Hills £6,000 a year; for the next 12 months, and as it is the free it becomes big money in terms of gross earnings.

Sure, running Sydney is quite a job, but just the same, the Lord Mayor should be able to do distinguished visitors proud on that figure.

Alderman Hills is also a member of the State Legislative Council, and so draws another £1,500 a year. All in all, add without stretching it too much, it should be a reasonable assumption that there are no wolves around the Hills door.

CAR STEALING

Car stealing in New South Wales has become big business. A thousand motor cycles and more than 3,000 cars, worth £500,000, have been stolen so far this year.

Police estimate that criminals who steal cars for stripping and the sale of spare parts are making at least £100 a week.

Motor Squad detectives say some of the people are so expert that they can remove a car radio in less than three minutes.

The detectives say that rarely does a weekend pass without at least £20,000 worth of vehicles being "borrowed" by joyriders or stolen for resale.

They also complain that people in hotels buy these spare parts without questions—and often at a price dearer than what the same part, new, can be bought from an authorised dealer.

### MOBILE MUSTERING

The changing scene... Out on Maghara Station, at outback Bourke, no one has saddled a horse for mustering since 1950.

The stockmen have found that one man on a twin-cylinder, water-cooled, two-horse power motor cycle can muster as well as three men on horseback.

The cycles can go anywhere a horse can go in this country where paddocks are as large as 10,000 acres.

Grizzlers in outback South Australia are also turning to cycles... which just means that there isn't a great deal of romance left in anything these days.

LOAN FAILURE

After watching money being poured into the stores though it didn't matter for the last fortnight it has come as a bit of a shock to learn that the last Commonwealth loan was under-subscribed by £13 million.

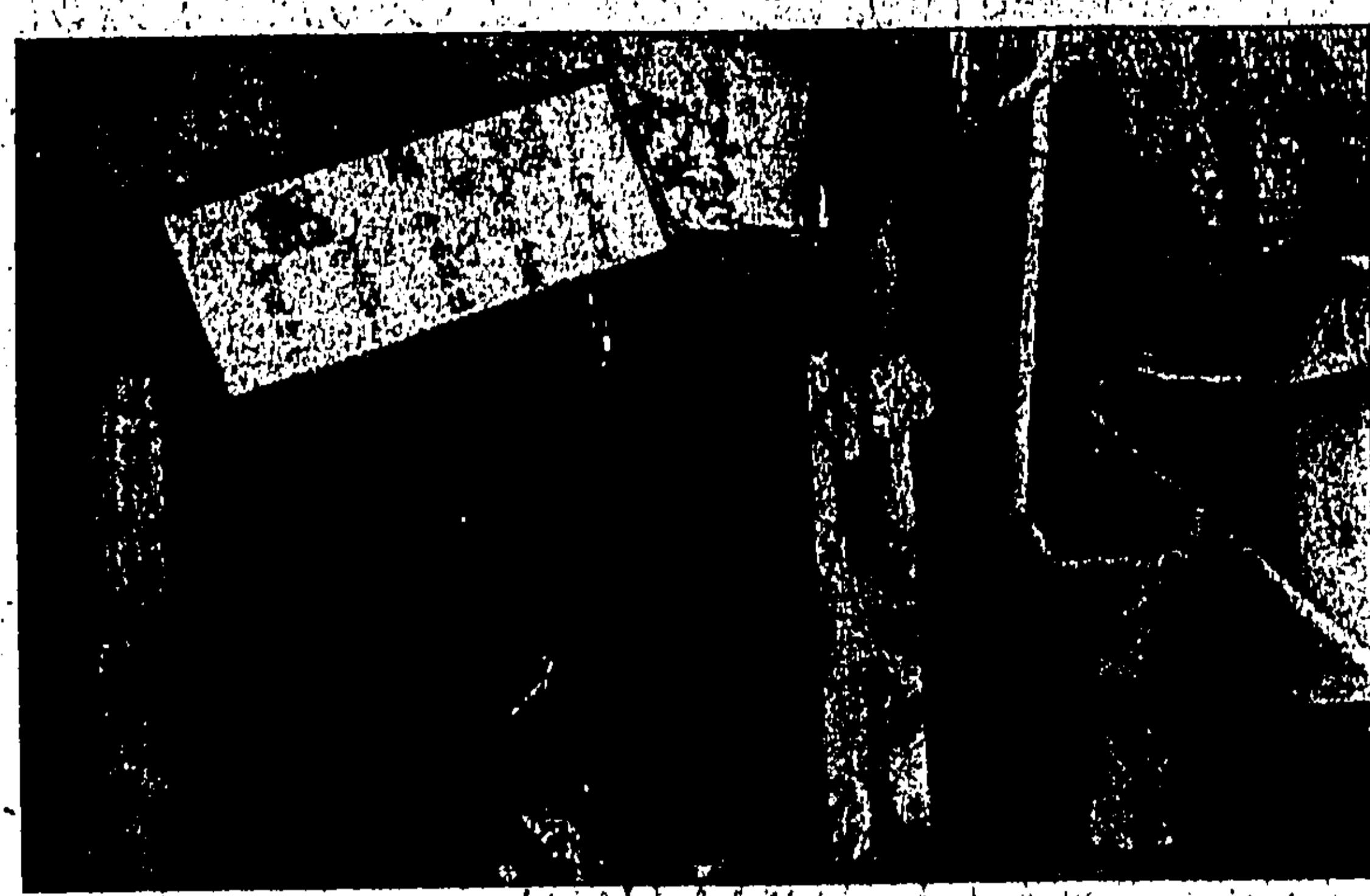
The Government wanted £50 million in cash but could draw only £37 million, and the response was so poor that the closing date was extended.

The argument is, of course, that there is no shortage of money for investment but it is going into private industry where there are better interest rates.

That may be so, but it seems pretty improbable that the Government cannot raise £50 million in cash for public works.

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## Today's Fire At Wanchai



The scene outside the tenement in Tai Yuen Street after this morning's blaze.  
(Staff Photographer)

## Full Court Action On Tasikmalaja Appeal

An ex parte application for notices of motion to be served on the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to show cause why certain appeals now pending should not be dismissed or otherwise stayed was made to the Full Court, comprising the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg this morning.

The appeals arise out of a claim against the Indonesian Government for possession of the 3,670-ton freighter Tasikmalaja.

The application was made by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi (on the instructions of Mr M. A. da Silva) on behalf of the respondents Messrs Juan Ysmael and Co, Inc. of Manila, P.I., and was on the ground that the Indonesian Government are in default of payment of costs ordered against them by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council and by the Full Court of Hongkong, and for want of

protection for their diplomatic immunity from cross-examination.

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